

PRESIDENT: Is Senator Clark in the Chamber?

CLERK: Mr. President, one final new bill, LB 302 offered by the Revenue Committee and signed by its members. (Read LB 302 as found on page 191 of the Legislative Journal.)

And the last item of business that I have this morning, Mr. President, is a proposed rules change offered by Senators Newell, Hoagland and DeCamp. (See page 191 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair is awaiting for the return of Senator Nichol who wants one more word with you before we adjourn. Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there was a little. . . .

PRESIDENT: Just a minute, Senator. (Gavel.) Attention. Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. There was a little confusion among some of you and partially my fault in regard to these appointments that you were making for your replacement in case there was a national disaster. These do not work if you should simply die or be killed individually. They are not a replacement for you. This is in case of a national disaster in the first place and secondly, you are supposed to pick from three to seven people to replace you. If you send in your list with seven members and you wish to have them all certified and have the notary public sign the oath of office which forms were attached to your notification, you may do so. You may have all seven sign those oaths if you like or just three. Several years ago the Secretary of State sent these oaths out automatically when you turned in your names. However, several senators through the years have requested that they be given to them so that when they go back home they can make a little ceremony of this or meet with the people and tell them what is involved and have them sign the oath in front of a notary at that time. You should do at least three. You may do up to seven. The Secretary of State is satisfied with three but you can do seven and if you need more forms to fill out for them to sign the oath, you may have them from the Secretary's office. You should do this soon. This lasts....yes, it lasts as long as you want it to and you can change it at any time. As I understand, if you did it four or five years ago, those stay there until you change it. The reason for having the oaths signed is that should there be a national catastrophe the people have signed the oath and they are automatically in. It does not leave them hanging so that they have to come down and